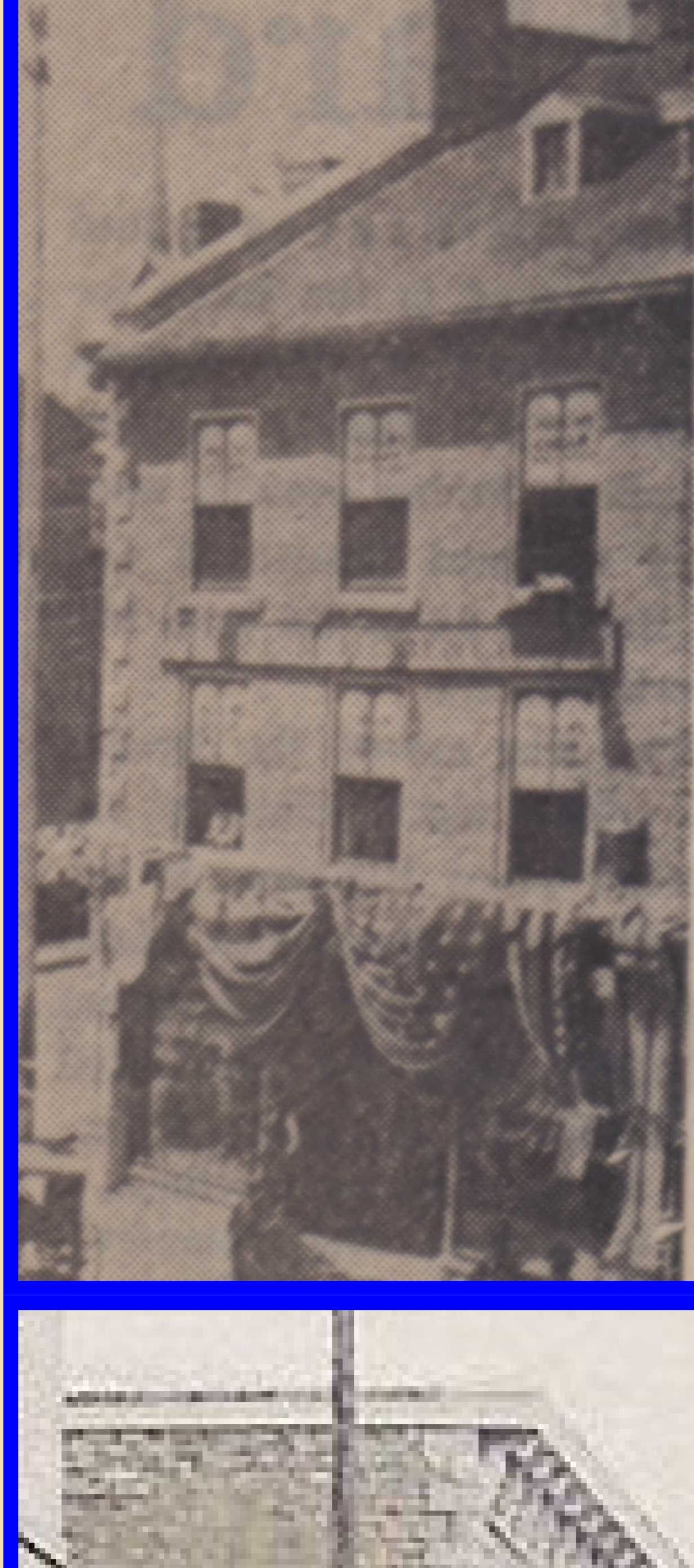


# "McHENRY" BLOCK c1845

## 2 King St. East 1 Storefront



### DIRECTORY LISTINGS:

- 1882/1900: McHenry Grocery (2)
- 1910/1913: McHenry Grocery (2), Poulin & Co cigar manufacturers (4u)
- 1919: Seekings Grocery (2)
- 1929/1952: Brockville Fruit Market (2)
- 1954/1956: IGA Super Market (2,4)
- 1961/1978: Evangeline Shop, novelty items (2)
- 1980/1982: Irene Hill Ontario, Ltd. (2)
- 1984: Family Fun Arcade (2)
- 1988: Personal Expressions / Sears Canada (2)
- 1990/2006: MicroAge Computers (2)
- 2009: Tomorrow's Treasures scrapbooking (2)
- 2012/2021: Aura Boutique (2)

Probably built c1845 around the same time as the Parr-Manuel Block beside it as it has an identical original roofline.

Longtime tenants W.J. McHenry & Bro. (William J. & Roderick C.) dealt with groceries (wholesale & retail) and liquor. They were in business from at least 1882 until c1915. The store continued on with food sales until IGA moved out c1959.

After the closing of Poulin & Co. cigar manufacturers, the building went under heavy renovations. This happened in the summer of 1914, on the outside, the roofline was revamped from the old style peak roof, to more modern for commercial block style. They called it a hopper roof. ....

..... The inside was turned into a very "modern and up-to date apartment house." The entrance was placed on Victoria St. The entrance had a foyer for letters. It had a speaking tube with an electric push button system so anyone at the door could speak to the occupants to all apartments. The inner door was locked and would be opened from the apartments. All were full three bedroom apartments with all new modern plumbing with "brushed brass" shower fixtures. The building got new gas piping with a gas stove and light in each kitchen. ....

..... A new central heating steam plant went into the basement which heated the apartments and the stores. This was in place of tenements installing heat furnaces in each apartment which seemed to be common. Each apartment got a rear entrance with a verandah. All this seems pretty standard today.....but were pretty revolutionary for the time!

## OTHER VIEWS

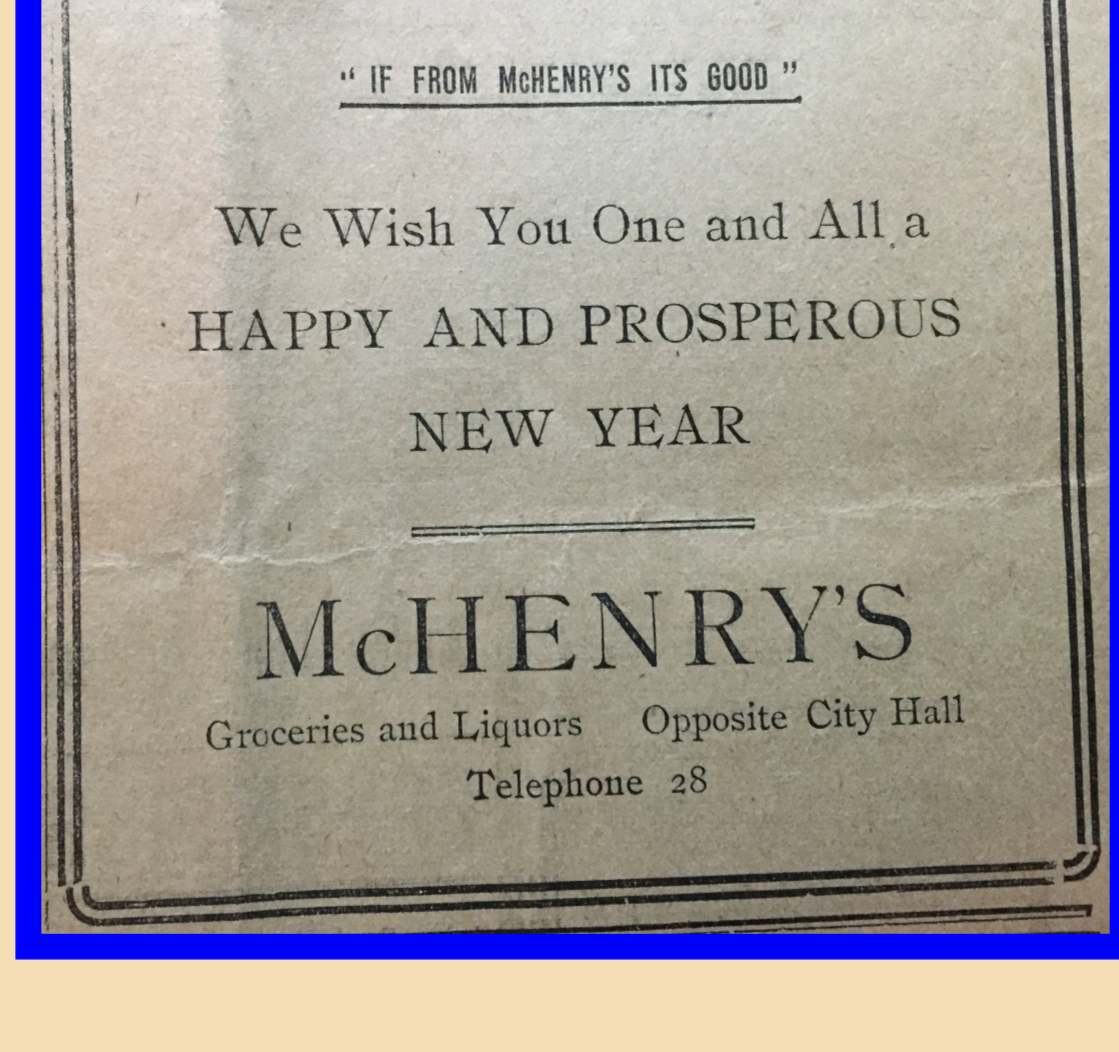


The side and back, including the entrance to the apartments.

## STOREFRONTS



## ADVERTISING



McHenry's ad, 1913.

## THE WILLIAM PARKIN HOUSE



80 Water St. East (Former address: 18 Water St.)

Built c1843 for William Parkin, a shipbuilder and later, Justice of the Peace. Later the house was the home of William McHenry, owner of McHenry Grocery at 2 King St. Following William was his son, Roderick C. McHenry, who lived here until moving to Broad St.

## THE ABBOTT HOUSE



22, 24 Broad St. East (Former address: 30, 32 Broad St.)

Albert Abbott resided here in 1886. William J Cluff, produce dealer resided here in 1890. Roderick C. McHenry was here 1899/1900. He owned McHenry Grocery on 2 King St. East. He is the son of William McHenry.